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Halton Hills' three high schools recently honoured their athletes of the year. For details see Friday's edition.

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Concern over HDSB trustees' spending is misguided, says treasurer

TIM WHITNELL
Special to The IFF

The Ontario Ministry of Education's concern that Halton District School Board (HDSB) is among the biggest spenders in the province in terms of trustee costs is based upon skewed figures, according to the school board's treasurer.

In mid-May Education Minister Kathleen Wynne sent seven Ontario school boards—including public boards in Halton, Peel, Toronto and York and Catholic boards in York, London and Sudbury—a letter asking for a justification of trustee-related expenses by the end of this month.

Last week, the province took control of Toronto's Catholic school board following a report that found trustees there had spent an average of \$107,000 each.

HDSB treasurer Steven Parfeniuk said the letter his board received from the Ministry of Education will be answered this week with a formal letter that will allay the government's concerns.

"That (ministry) letter, along with our response, will go to the board (meeting) Wednesday (today)," with a copy sent to the ministry the following day, said Parfeniuk.

He said trustee expenses at Halton's public board appear to average about \$10,000

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Where there's a Will there's a way

Will Barrow of Syracuse, N.Y. tosses the caber during Saturday's 33rd edition of the Georgetown Highland Games held at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. For more photos see page 3.
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